

REMARKS

Consistent with 35 USC §371(f), Applicant herewith requests entry into U.S. national stage of international Patent Cooperation Treaty Application PCT/US2005/003695 (WO 2005/077452 A1), and further requests entry of the subject preliminary amendment. With reference to the WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AUTHORITY, mailed June 8, 2005, claims 3-29 of the international application as filed were indicated as: being novel, having inventive step, and having industrial applicability.

In furtherance of the subject Opinion, claims 3, 8, 13, and 26, each of which directly depends from claim 1, have been amended, more particularly, re-written in independent form so as to include all limitations of the base claim. Both claims 1 and 2 are canceled without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that the subject claims are in condition for allowance as they are patentably distinct from the references of record.

CONCLUSION

In light of the conforming amendment, claims 3-29 are now in condition for allowance, with a swift issuance of such Notice requested. As applicable, please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

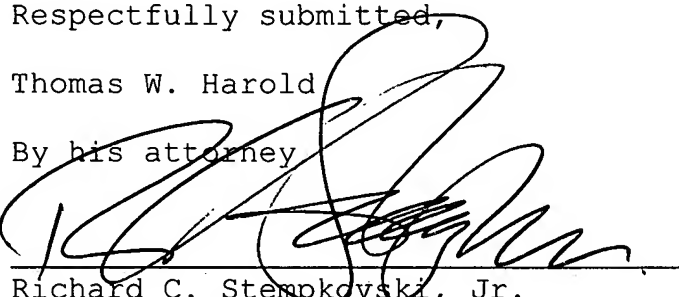
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